FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

In the Matter of the Claim of

FRANK AL WIEGERS VERA M. WIEGERS

Claim No.CU -0139

Decision No.CU 6176

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended

PROPOSED DECISION

Claimants, FRANK AL WIEGERS and VERA M. WIEGERS, who owned "Belen" bonds issued by the Association of the Religious Community of the Company of Jesus of Bethlehem College of Havana, assert a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Company.

In our decision entitled the <u>Claim of Gustavus Basch</u> (Claim No. CU-0972 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties of the College were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on May 3, 1961, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per \$1,000 bond of \$459.17 and per \$500 bond of \$229.585, including interest to May 3, 1961.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant claim, the Commission finds that these claimants come within the terms of the <u>Basch</u> decision; that they were American nationals at the requisite times; and that they have been the owners, as Joint Tenants, not as Tenants in Common, with Rights of Survivorship, of 144 - \$1,000 and 10 - \$500 Belen bonds since prior to May 3, 1961; and that they suffered a loss in the total amount of \$68,416.33 within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the

amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from May 3, 1961, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See <u>Basch</u>, <u>supra</u>.)

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that FRANK AL WIEGERS and VERA M. WIEGERS, as Joint Tenants, not as Tenants in Common, with Rights of Survivorship, suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Sixty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Thirty-three Cents (\$68,416.33) with interest thereon at 6% per annum from May 3, 1961, to the date of settlement.

Dated at Washington, D. C., and entered as the Proposed Decision of the Commission

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vie S. Garlock, Chairman

Theodore Jaffe, Compassioner

NOTICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been submitted to the Commission or if submitted, may have been returned; accordingly, no payment should be made until claimants establish retention of the securities or the loss here certified.

The statute does not provide for the payment of claims against the Government of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the Commission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the statute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for payment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its findings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations with the Government of Cuba.

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Proposed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of the Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt of notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g), as amended (1970).)

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